

## **HANNAH C. PETERSON.**

### **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

Hannah Christensen Peterson (Jones) is a native of Jytland, Demark, born December 30, 1845, her parents being Simeon and Karen Christensen. She received a common school education and was brought up in the Lutheran church, being sprinkled as a child and confirmed at the age of 16 years.

She was taught the trade of dressmaking, which she followed through life, being exceptionally well qualified for this line of work

On May 26, 1867, she was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Elder Mauritz P. Anderson, her brother-in-law, and confirmed by Mathias C. Anderson. In the spring of 1869 she bid farewell to her native land and emigrated to Utah, crossing the ocean on the steamship "Minnesota," which left Liverpool July 15 and arrived at New York on July 28.

She reached Taylor's Switch, near Ogden, August 6 and Pleasant Grove, August 15, 1869. After a short stay at the latter place, she came to Lehi and was married to Andrew F. Peterson September 29, 1869.

Mrs. Peterson soon adapted herself to her surroundings and although at first was not able to understand English, she was soon able to take part in public affairs. She was one of the first officers of the Primary Association and was an active Sunday School worker for twenty years.

Her special work has been the Relief Society, in which she has always been active as teacher, trustee, counselor and president, being set apart for the latter position in October, 1907.

At the age of 35 she was left a widow and thrown largely upon her own

resources, but owing to her ability in her chosen calling she has lived in comparative comfort. For many years she has taught large classes of girls the art of dressmaking and she has done much of the sewing for those who have been laid away.

She married John J. Jones, July 15, 1897, and ten years later May 9, 1907, she was again left a widow.